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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	862	Median Age of Population (1980)	33.5
Estimated Population (1984)	317,196	% Population Urban (1980)	60.4
Population per Square Mile (1984)	368	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$12,269
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 1.5	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	3.4
Projected Population (1990)	329,149	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	7.3
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 5.3	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	5.3

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	317,196	152,582	164,614	35-44	39,764	19,477	20,287
0-4	21,536	11,159	10,377	45-54	32,374	15,752	16,622
5-14	40,539	20,773	19,766	55-64	35,355	16,732	18,623
15-24	50,608	25,064	25,544	65+	47,658	19,131	28,527
25-34	49,362	24,494	24,868				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	2,541	Number of Divorces	930
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.0	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.9
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	33
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	4,103
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.9
Median Age of Mother	25
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.9

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	4,103	100.0	30-34	707	17.1
UNDER 15	9	0.2	35-39	209	5.1
15-19	511	12.5	40-44	19	0.5
20-24	1,295	31.6	45+	1	0.0
25-29	1,352	33.0	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	505	Meningitis: Aseptic	8	Salmonellosis	64
Hepatitis: Type A	21	Meningitis: Meningococcal	4	Shigellosis	19
Hepatitis: Type B	53	Mumps	0	Syphilis	4
Hepatitis: Unspecified	2	Rubella	0	Tuberculosis	7
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	6				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	3,119	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	39
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.8	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	9.5
Median Age at Death	75.8	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	26

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	1,287	41.3	Perinatal Conditions	22	46.8	Accidents, All Forms	23	46.0
Cancer	720	23.1	Congenital Anomalies	8	17.0	Cancer	6	12.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	218	7.0	Heart Disease	4	8.5	Suicide	5	10.0
Accidents, All Forms	129	4.1	Accidents, All Forms	3	6.4	Homicide	4	8.0
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	98	3.1				Congenital Anomalies	2	4.0
All Other	667	21.4	All Other	10	21.3	All Other	10	20.0
TOTAL	3,119	100.0	TOTAL	47	100.0	TOTAL	50	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	35	35.7	Cancer	210	38.0	Heart Disease	1,080	45.6
Cancer	24	24.5	Heart Disease	187	33.8	Cancer	480	20.2
Heart Disease	15	15.3	Cerebrovascular Disease	26	4.7	Cerebrovascular Disease	192	8.1
Suicide	7	7.1	Accidents, All Forms	23	4.2	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	82	3.5
			Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	16	2.9	Pneumonia and Influenza	78	3.3
All Other	17	17.3	All Other	81	16.5	All Other	459	19.4
TOTAL	98	100.0	TOTAL	553	100.0	TOTAL	2,371	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
5	3	1	1	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	3	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	0	Family Practice Center	2	Limited	0	General	0
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	3

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	3	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	1	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,089	3.4
Admissions	41,579	131.1

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	464	1.5
Admissions	1,534	4.8

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $168

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3	3	2
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	0	0	0
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	9	8	8
TOTAL	12	11	10

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	1,182	24.8
Intermediate	1,429	30.0
Total (SNF + ICF)	2,611	54.8

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.2

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $65
Intermediate $60

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment [1985]

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
14	4,284	933	3,155	196	62.8

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
6	2	0	0	6	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services [1985]

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	730	Certified Paramedics I	2
Ambulance Providers	23	Certified Paramedics II	54

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled [1983]

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 12

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	9	Autism	7	Muscular Dystrophy	7
Cerebral Palsy	8	Learning Disabilities	8	Other	11
Epilepsy	7	Multiple Sclerosis	7		

d. Primary Health Care Centers [1985]

Number of Agencies 0

e. Licensed Boarding Homes [1985]

Number of Homes 16